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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Amend the following paragraph(s):

**[0044]** — The diagram of FIG. 6 shows a window of a screen display of an engineering program for selecting messages from a message selection table TAB for a data message between two components of an automation system. A message for a slave can be selected in the toolbar icon configuration CON. A selectable message can be, for example, a standard message StT2 or a user-defined message ATE generated according to the present invention. In a column "Axis" Asp, wherein the term axis in the table displayed in Fig. 6 it is also to be understood as referring to an object, the following rows are provided for objects. A second column Tsp allows message selection for a first object Obj1. A table (not shown) for selecting a message can be addressed by a selection arrow AP. The selected messages StT1, StT2, ~~StT3~~, ... , StT5, ATE for the objects Obj1, Obj2, Obj3, ... , Obj5, etc. of a component for a master-slave combination MSK are shown in the second column Tsp of Fig. 6. The standard messages StT1, StT2, ~~StT3~~, .... of the selected messages relate to the content of the conventional standard messages. According to the invention, the content of several conventional data messages is merged into a flexibly configurable data message. For example, since the content of the standard messages StT1 and StT2 depicted in Fig. 1 relates to axes, the objects Obj1 and Obj2 are axis objects and the axis is a sub-component.--.